view in the country Government have fixed the target to invest one lac and eighty thousand crore rupees on the construction and development of National Highways and Golden Quadrilateral roads;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the last financial year the work has been allotted to the contractors to construct about 6000 Km. stretch of the National Highways in four lanes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and National Highways, number-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The Committee on Infrastructure under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister, has decided for the improvement of National Highways under various phases (phase I to VII) of National Highways Development Project (NHDP) involving an investment of Rs. 2,20,000 crore.

(b) and (c) State-wise and National Highway-wise details of contracts awarded during the last financial year are given in the Annexure. [See Appendix 207 Annexure No. 13].

Detection of foreign spy in space

†3600. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the presence of a foreign pay satellite within the space confines of country has been detected during the last five years till today;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of detection of foreign spy satellite in country's space limits during the last five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, foreign satellites do orbit in international space territory and collect information on all parts of the earth including India.

(c) Does not arise.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.